President: The whole thing will end in a few months when such a situation will not arise.

Transport of food grains.

41. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have transported food grains from Cochin in country crafts to Travancore in 1118 and 1119 ;

(*b*) what is the total number of bags carried or transported in vallams from Cochin in 1118 and 1119 and what is the total charge incurred in that behalf in those years?

Mr. T. K. Gopalan Nair: (*a*) Yes in 1119 and none in 1118.

(*b*) 8,56,390 bags in 1118 and 19,19,631 bags in 1119, the total transport charges incurred being B. Rs. 1,09,007-6-5 in 1118 B. Rs. 4,69,676-13-11 in 1119.

Trasport of food grains.

42. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether food grains have been transported from Cochin Harbour to Travancore in ships in 1119 and 1120 ;

(*b*) if so, how many bags in how many trips have been transported in ships in 1118 and 1119 ;

(*c*) what is the total fare paid to such ships in 1118 and 1119;

(*d*) what is the average number of bags carried per trip in ships and the fare paid per trip ; and

(*e*) whether food grains were weighed and entrusted to ships before transporting and reweighed and taken delivery in Travancore?

Mr. T. K. Gopalan Nair: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There was no transport by ships in 1118. 3,16,235 bags in 24 trips were transported in 1119.

(*c*) Nil in 1118 and Bb. Rs. 4,21,031-9-7 in 1119.

(*d*) 12,000 bags and Bh. Rs. 16,700.

(*e*) Yes.

Fertiliser plant.

43. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan:** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether the rumour that a fertiliser plant at a cost of 70 lakhs of dollars is to be installed in the State is true ; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will they have any control in connection with the appointment of over 5000 persons in the said concern?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The fertiliser plant to be installed at Alwaye will, when erected, cost about 6 million dollars.

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(*b*) The Fertilisers & Chemicals Ltd., is an incorporated company in which Government are large share holders,

Closing of shops on Sundays

44. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received report or information from any source that the merchants in almost all the important towns in the State are closing their shops on all Sundays for the whole day;

(*b*) if so, whether such information or reports speak about the difficulties of the public by that conduct of the merchants throughout the State; and

(*c*) whether they have taken any action in the matter contained in such report or information for the benefit of the people of the State?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) Reports have been received about closing of shops in the towns of Quilon, Alleppey and Trivandrum on Sundays.

(*b*) A representation received from certain people of Quilon states that inconvenience is caused to the public by the conduct of the merchants, but enquiries show that there are no real difficulties as some shops are open on Sundays also.

(*c*) The matter is under investigation.

Mr. N. Narayna Kurup: May I know what is the result of the investigation?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: It has not yet been completed.

Post-war Reconstruction Committee.

45. *Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnathur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the proposals entrusted for consideration of the Post-war Reconstruction Committee;

(*b*) the decisions, if any, made by the Committee;

(*c*) the work hitherto turned out by the Committee; and

(*d*) the composition of the Committee?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) A copy of the Dewan's address at the first meeting of the Post-war Reconstruction Committee and a list of the subjects engaging the immediate attention of the Committee are placed on the Secretary's table. Various sub-committees have been formed. The whole scheme is under consideration.

(*b*) & (*c*) Various schemes are under the consideration of the Committee and sub-committees?

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